



# *APD NEWS*

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### **Media Advisory**

#### **APD to honor its own with Distinguished Command Medal**

The Austin Police Department will honor one of its own with a Distinguished Command Medal at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at APD Headquarters.

Kenny Wilson is the Sergeant over the Bomb Squad Unit and was diagnosed with esophageal cancer two years ago. Throughout his time of fighting cancer he remained upbeat, charismatic and continued showing up for work to lead his unit as he always did. Recently, Sgt. Wilson began losing his fight with cancer and found it hard to move around and function at work. He made the decision to retire from the force effective March 31, 2009.

The Distinguished Command Medal is rewarded to those that show exceptional command and leadership, which have been consistently demonstrated over an extended period of time.

**Media advisory:** Sgt. Wilson's family will be at the news conference with photos.

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